

Recreational Trails Act Project Rating Questions

Project will qualify as:	<input type="checkbox"/> Motorized	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-motorized	<input type="checkbox"/> Diversified
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*Select all applicable answers per question. Maximum point values for each section are given at the end.
Some sections may be left unanswered, thereby having zero values.*

**Circle
Points
if YES**

A. Planning Considerations	
1. Is the project supported by or included in a: <i>The project is specifically referenced as a project to be implemented in the Local, Regional, or Statewide Recreation Plan. Maximum 4 pts.</i>	
a. Local Recreation Plan – 1 pt. <i>Plan Name</i> _____ <i>Page</i> _____	1
b. Regional Recreation Plan – 2 pts. <i>Plan Name</i> _____ <i>Page</i> _____	2
c. Statewide Recreation Plan (SCORP) – 1 pt. <i>Plan Name</i> _____ <i>Page</i> _____	2
B. Project Considerations	
1. Is the trail on suitable soils and grades, designed to prevent erosion and suitably mitigated problem areas? <i>The trail must be laid out in a manner which will result in the least amount of erosion problems by following topographical contours, and placing the trail on stable soils. The trail must be designed to eliminate soil erosion problems and when necessary catch soil erosion run-off through the trail design.</i>	1
2. Does the project involve the acquisition, development, or maintenance of a trail on an abandoned rail corridor? <i>The trail is located on an abandoned rail corridor.</i>	2
3. Does the sponsor provide or support a trail patrol associated with the proposed trail? <i>The sponsor either (1) provides a courtesy trail patrol or a paid trail law enforcement patrol or (2) supports a voluntary courtesy trail patrol or paid law enforcement patrol through a written agreement.</i>	1
4. Will the project promote safe trail use? <i>Choose all that apply. Maximum 6 pts.</i>	
a. Proposed trail does not use any roadway or right-of-way - 3 pts. <i>The trail is located completely off road and does not encroach on any right-of-way. An example would be a trail located completely in a county forest that does not use any roads as part of the trail.</i>	3
b. Proposed trail does not contain any at-grade roadway bridge crossings. - 2 pts. <i>The trail will not cross a roadway bridge(s) that require the trail user to use any part of the road or road shoulder to access the bridge deck.</i>	2
c. Proposed trail does not contain at-grade roadway crossings - 1 pt. <i>The trail will not cross a roadway.</i>	1
5. Does the project contain donations or volunteer labor? <i>Choose all that apply. Maximum 3 pts.</i>	
a. The project involves a friends group or a group of volunteers sponsoring and supporting it. - 1 pt. <i>Discuss in the project narrative how civic groups, citizen volunteers, snowmobile clubs, etc. will be involved in the trail project.</i>	1
b. A minimum of 25% of the project cost is provided through donations of volunteer labor. - 2 pts. <i>A minimum of 1/4 of the Sponsor's match against grant money must come from any single or combination of donations of materials, services, or volunteer labor.</i>	2
6. <u>ACTIVE PROJECT ADJUSTMENT</u> For each active project a Sponsor has under the Stewardship Local Assistance, Land & Water Conservation Fund, Motorized Recreation and Recreation Trails Act grant programs, points will be deducted from the total project application score as follows: <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p><i>No. of Active Projects</i> _____</p> </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p><i>One active project - deduct one point;</i></p> <p><i>Two active projects - deduct three points;</i></p> <p><i>Three or more active projects – deduct five points</i></p> </div> </div>	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div></div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>-1</p> <p>-3</p> <p>-5</p> </div> </div>
NOTE: An "active project" is defined as a project where the scope has not been completed. Development projects are allowed one full construction season from the grant award start date before being defined as "active"; acquisition projects are considered "active" if the grant award is prior to July 1 of last grant cycle.	

C. Motorized Projects	
<p>1. Is the type of project: <i>The trail is placed in a category below. Only one category can be chosen. Maximum 8 pts.</i></p> <p>a. Rehabilitation - 8 pts. b. Maintenance - 7 pts. c. Development - 4 pts. d. Acquisition - 1 pt.</p>	8 or 7 or 4 or 1
<p>2. Can the sponsor demonstrate the ability to carry out a trail project? <i>The Sponsor must describe in the narrative how and with what type of funds the project will be implemented. If the sponsor has not constructed or maintained a trail, describe any organizational efforts that would indicate the group's ability to successfully carry out a trail project.</i></p>	1
<p>3. Does the trail provide for more than one motorized activity? <i>Choose all that apply. Maximum 4 pts.</i></p> <p>a. Trail provides for more than one motorized use at a time. - 2 pts. <i>The trail must accommodate two different types of motorized activities at the same time. An example would be a trail that allows ATV and four wheel drive vehicles on the trail at the same time.</i></p> <p>b. Trail provides for more than one motorized use during different seasons. - 2 pts. <i>The trail shares uses depending on the season. An example would be motorcycle use in the spring, summer, and fall, and snowmobile use in the winter.</i></p>	2 2
<p>4. Does the trail provide year-round use? <i>The trail provides for motorized use for both winter and summer.</i></p>	2
<p>5. Does the trail link with other trails to form a trail or lead to another trail system? <i>Choose only one. Maximum 3 pts.</i></p> <p>a. Trail links with other trails or leads to another trail system. - 3 pts. <i>The trail on which the project is located is connected to other trails and is not self-contained</i> OR</p> <p>b. Continues the development of a trail that does not connect to other trails. - 2 pts. <i>The trail is self-contained or a closed trail system.</i></p>	3 or 2
<p>6. Is the trail project located on land where the control of the trail corridor is long term? <i>Choose only one. Maximum 3 pts.</i></p> <p>a. Trail is located on public land or private land with a minimum 20 year use period. - 3 pts. <i>The trail on private land must be protected with a 20 year use easement.</i> OR</p> <p>b. Trail corridor is on private land with a use period at least 3 years but less than 20 years. - 2 pts. <i>Trails on private land must be protected with an easement that is at least 3 years, but less than 20 years.</i></p>	3 or 2

D. Non- Motorized Projects	
<p>1. Is the type of project: <i>The trail is placed in a category below. Only one category can be chosen. Maximum 8 pts.</i></p> <p>a. Rehabilitation - 8 pts. b. Maintenance - 7 pts. c. Development - 4 pts. d. Acquisition - 1 pt.</p>	8 or 7 or 4 or 1
<p>2. Can the sponsor demonstrate the ability to carry out a trail project? <i>The Sponsor must describe in the narrative how and with what type of funds the project will be implemented. If the sponsor has not constructed or maintained a trail, describe any organizational efforts that would indicate the group's ability to successfully carry out a trail project.</i></p>	1
<p>3. Is the trail located close to high population areas? <i>The project serves a County population estimated to be over 50,000. See Appendix B.</i></p>	1

E. Multiple/ Compatible Use Projects		
<p>1. Is the type of project: <i>The trail is placed in a category below. Only one category can be chosen. Maximum 4 pts.</i></p> <p>a. Rehabilitation - 4 pts. b. Maintenance - 3 pts. c. Development - 2 pts. d. Acquisition - 1 pt.</p>		4 or 3 or 2 or 1
<p>2. Does the trail provide for the greatest number of compatible trail uses? <i>The trail allows four or more compatible uses.</i></p>		3
<p>3. Does the trail provide for the greatest number of outdoor uses in addition to trail use? <i>Choose only one. Maximum 3 pts.</i></p> <p>a. Trail provides access to four or more outdoor recreation uses. - 3 pts. <i>The trail project is located on a trail that gives access to four more outdoor recreation activities. An example would be a trail that has one spur to a local park with baseball and soccer fields, and another spur to a campground, and the trail has a fishing platform located along a stretch of river to which the trail runs parallel.</i> OR</p> <p>b. Trail provides access to three outdoor recreation uses. - 2 pts. <i>The trail project is located on a trail that gives access to three outdoor recreation activities. An example would be a trail that has one spur to a local park with baseball and soccer fields, and another spur to a campground.</i> OR</p> <p>c. Trail provides access to two outdoor recreation uses. - 1 pts. <i>The trail project is located on a trail that gives access to two outdoor recreation activities. An example would be a trail that has one spur to a local park with baseball and soccer fields.</i></p>		3 or 2 or 1
<p>4. Does the trail project resolve conflict between historically conflicting trail uses? <i>Choose all that apply. Maximum 5 pts.</i></p> <p>a. Trail will separate conflicting uses by creating separate trails within the same corridor. - 3 pts. <i>The trail project will create separate and distinct trails within an existing trail corridor. An example would be the creation of a trail for horses and a separate trail to accommodate all-terrain vehicles.</i></p> <p>b. Trail will resolve conflicting use by developing existing trail into use by time of day or days of week between groups. - 2 pts. <i>The trail project will involve separating trail uses by scheduling and posting days and hours when individual trail uses are and are not allowed.</i></p>		3 2
<p>5. Does the trail project provide for innovative recreational trail corridor sharing to accommodate motorized and non-motorized trail use? <i>The trail project will provide a first of a kind trail design that solves trail use conflicts, safety issues, trail access, or problems with sharing of a trail with both motorized and non-motorized users.</i></p>		1
<p>6. Is the trail located close to high population areas? <i>The project serves a County population estimated to be over 50,000. See Appendix B.</i></p>		1

NRTA Project Scoring Summary

	Motorized Projects	Non-Motorized Projects	Multiple/ Compatible Projects
All Projects –Sections A, B (Max 17 points)			
Motorized – Section C (Max 21 points)			
Non-motorized –Section D (Max 10 points)			
Multiple/ Compatible – Section E (Max 17 points)			
Total			
	Max 38 points	Max 27 points	Max 34 points